Construction of NH-8

*599. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether work in connection with construction of multi-lane Delhi-Jaipur section of the National Highway No. 8 has since been completed;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating, *inter-alia*, the expenditure involved thereon;

(c) whether this section of the Highway would be the first in the country to have ultra modern Highway Traffic Management System (HTMS);

(d) if so, the details of the system indicating the facilities to be made available; and

(e) whether Government propose to make HTMS available on other Highways also, and if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ.GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Four laning of Delhi-Jaipur Section has been completed except for minor works like pavement markings, signages and turfing etc. which are in progress in Gurgaon-Kotputli sub-section. The estimated cost of this sub-section is Rs. 380 crore.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) This involves emergency call boxes at 2 Km. intervals on each direction of travel, variable message signs for informing the user about the road/traffic conditions ahead, close Circuit TV for real time monitoring of Traffic flow and systems for weather monitoring and for traffic counting. These systems would be connected to the control centre through optical fibre cable and operated from there for the safety and facility of the highway user.

(e) It is too early to indicate a time frame.